

House Resolution 13 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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1 A Resolution in support of extending the federal
2 production tax credit for wind energy.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa is the third largest producer of wind
4 energy in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Iowa leads the nation in wind generation as
6 a percentage of total power output; and

7 WHEREAS, it has been estimated that 75 percent of
8 Iowa is suitable for wind energy development with an
9 estimated total wind resource of 570,000 megawatts; and

10 WHEREAS, 1,000 megawatts of energy can power 250,000
11 homes and is equivalent to removing the emissions
12 placed in the atmosphere by 682,000 cars in the state
13 in one year's time; and

14 WHEREAS, the wind energy industry in Iowa currently
15 employs several thousand full-time workers in
16 manufacturing, operations, and maintenance with a
17 substantial annual payroll; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for wind
19 energy provides a 2.2 percent per kilowatt-hour tax
20 credit for the first 10 years of electricity production
21 from utility-scale wind turbines; and

22 WHEREAS, the production tax credit has repeatedly
23 been allowed to sunset and then extended since
24 its original enactment, which has contributed to
25 a boom-bust cycle of development that has been
26 detrimental to the wind industry; and

27 WHEREAS, the federal production tax credit for
28 wind energy is currently set to expire at the end of

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1 2013; NOW THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
3 the House of Representatives supports the extension of
4 the federal production tax credit applicable to wind
5 energy for an additional two years; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
7 resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's
8 congressional delegation and to the President of the
9 United States.